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DOR THE SEANCESURE NEWS.] To Ant to

But thirteen springs with birds and flow

Yet thea art nobler far I ween, Than some who've live I out thrice thine

Than those who've loved and loved again; Thy thoughts are yet untaught to rove, Far from thy bosom's sweet domain!

And view thy younger mind expand, Into the realms of truth and worth, Since now I claim thy precious hand!

Thy girlish face, how sweet to me Is each and every smile it wreaths From out thine eyes a hope I see Which for thy own fond lover breathes.

Oh! I will watch thy little form, And kindly, sweetly wait for thee; No cross in life, no thicksome storm, Shall change my heart's sincerity.

But gently guard thy little heart, Ind keep it safe from idle guile, Till of my life you part a part; Seafed with an earnest mother's smile;

FLORENCE'S REWARD.

A Christmas Slory.

BY PRANCIS BENSILAW BADEN.

It was Christmas morning. The sur was shining brightly on the new-fallen snow. It was just cold enough to freeze. The sleigh-bells were ringing merrily. The children were having a gay time; skating and coasting, and playing fricks

Another eve besides theirs witnesse the accident and its cause. A young mansion before which the old man had fallen ; another instant, and she bame running down the marble stees, and unmindful of her costly attire, the rich silk that fell in heavy folds about her form, she sank down beside the old man. exclaiming:

"For shame, boys! Come, Eugene and help me raise him. Nay, he must be must be carried. Go bring Brown

A moment or two after, Eugene re turned, followed by a large, strong look ing man, who, in obedience to the girl's command, raised and bore to the house the inanimate form of the poor old

"Gently; gently, Brown! Place him on the lounge," she said. Restoratives were applied. Tenderly

he was cared for. And after a short time, the kind girl's efforts were successral. The old man opened his eyes, and looked inquiringly into her face. She explained the accident, and was holding a glass of wine to his lips, when a ser vant came in the room, bearing on a silver waiter a card. She looked at it and

Tell Mr. Granger I will be up ver oon. Ask mamma to entertain him"

Fifteen minutes passed, and still she lingored with the suffering man. He was lame, and the fall had occasioned such severe pain to the afficted limb, fore another year had passed the stately that he had fainted. It was impossible mansion was no longer his. He was for him to walk at all, just then.

A rustle of silken robes, and Mrs Cameron glided into the room, and stood | child's heart for gold. looking with perfect amazement on the seena before her. Kneeling beside the Florence, he took her not from a home lounge, alternately bathing the face and of laxury, but one as humble as his own. placing wine to the lips of the miserable Years rolled by, bringing with them joy old man, was her daughter.

ing of this ?" she asked.

The gentle girl explained, and her

"One of the servants could have attended to him. If he is able to be Florence, they were absolutely destitute. moved now, you had better send word to ried to his home, or the alms-house."

panions are accountable for his suffer. place."

The old man said something in a low, close to catch the words.

"He will go home," he says. hays the eartinge-"

ron said. As she turned to leave the room, she continued, "Mr. Granger will feel flattered by your conduct.

"Send him here, mamma. I know he ted you from such." will think I'm doing right."

A few moments more, and Carl Granto greet him, was suddenly clouded. living now entirely on his expectations."

She saw that she had mistaken her "Mamora! mamma! Kriss Kringle's Scarce had Mr. Granger passed the compliments of the day, when again the that children love to linger near, women speaking. confide in, and men trust.

"Excuse nie; but I have permission," he said. "Mrs. Cameron told me you were entertaining your guests here."

Turning to greet Mr. Grangor, the

sir?" he said, going up to the side of the old man and taking his hand.

Briefly Florence told of his fall; and the look of admiration, nay, almost adoration, which beamed in William Hartley's eyes as they sought hers, ought to have been the balm to entirely heal the wound, caused by C ... Granger's look. But it was not, just then, for Florence had thought more of the bandsome Carl than may of the other young men who visited the house. She was dreadfully disappointed to know him so different the stranger.

from her thoughts. The old man signified his desire to go; and when Blown returned with a carriage, William Hartley, with almost womanly gentleness, assisted bim in, and on passers-by. One decrepit old man was thrown by their tricks, and lay as still they leared that had killed home. An approving lack from Rioronce, and he jumped in, closed the door, and ordered the driver to the drawn number directed.

"God Blass you! You are a good

Mist Cameron's list of acquaintances !" A deep flush mantled her fa'r brow. say the least, and endeavored, by putting lie ran up, exclaiming : forth his most fascinating powers, to cast away the cloud that had gathered on the face usually so bright. Carl's attempts were fruitless. But when an hour had passed, and William Hartley returned, then, to his great cl'agrin, he saw a softer light glow in het dark eyes, and her lips wreathed with smiles that he had failed to draw forth

That night Carl Granger, determin- their thanks, Kriss Kringle said : ed to know his fate, asked Florence to be his wife, and, to her parents' great disappointment, she kindly but firmly said she "could not love him"

"Foolish girl! Do you not know that, besides his own fortune, Mr. Granger is the only heir of an old uncle, who is fabulously rich?" said Mrs. Cameron.

Florence's father's disappointment was as keen as his wife's, for he felt his foundation trembling, and knew before long it must fail. And so it was; bealmost penniless. But he was a true, loving father, and would not barter his

And so, when William Harley won and sorrow, until six years had passed. "Florence !-who ?-what is the mean. During the last one clouds had gathered, swift and dark, over William Hartley and his loved ones; and so on Christmas morning, six years after the one when the strange old man was helped by

a one theest factory.

"A carriage! If you please, Florence, spread over her face, chasing away the care worn look of a few moment, be-

SATURDAY MORNING, JANUARY 14, 1871.

"You fled to poverty, tell, suffering Oh I my darling, I hoped to have shell

GOD AND OUR COUNTRY.

"I fled from worse. Come, chee up all will yet be well. I did not tell you ger came into the room. Florence's the last time I was out, I saw Car sweet, bright face, that had, been raised Grainger very much intoxicated. He is

lover-for, with an expression of con-tempt, which he could not, or cased not liked to have forgotten us, I guess! to hide, he looked on the suffering man. cried little Willie, shorting and clap ping his hands.

Florence arose to look out, when

door opened, and another young man en- knock sounded on the door; opening tered. He was not strikingly handsome, which she behold standing before her like the other, but it was the face of one the old man of whome the had just been

"Come in! I am glad to see you Where have you been this long time? And bow did you find us?" Florence asked. taking his hand and drawing him in

"I found very ensily what I had never young man saw the sufferer on the lost. I've thought of you clien, but chose to come to-day. It is a cond time to come," answered the old man.

"Come ! att down here," said William getting up and offering his own com fortable chair. "Wait a bit. If I set down, I don'

want to get up soon. Bette! know first how long I can stay," answered the old man, still standing. "As long as you like. We are noor

very poor, but if you want a home with us, we will not send you forth. Sit down," answered William. "The same ! unchanged !" murmured

"What shall we call you? asked Flo

"Kriss Kringle! The chrildren cal ed meso Let them continue. Andyou may say Uncie, if you prefer," he

smiles continued to play about his thin When Florence went ou to prepare the frugal dinner, the old man called child. I shall never forget this day, the children, and listened to their lisp-

Perhaps I'll come to see you again some ing voices. William was watching, very time," the old man said, when leaving. much amused, when the old man's words The same contemptuous expression were whispered, and little Willie, scemwas again on Carl's face, and he said ing to understand, lowered his tone, and the heads of the old and the young were than the following : "Quite a distinguished acquisition to close together, at some mysterious plot-

but she deigned no word of reply. Carl changed to the greatest amazement when, Granger saw he had been indiscreet, to soon after, as Florence came back, Wil- One day he hired a poor man to come or hide the week point of a king or prizing fact that this destruction of hu-

too! Kriss Kringle sent them to you!" settling at work, the laborer's pipe slipped berukes because z king was bald. We its ravages. ning which, they found, told in words saw it, and picked it up. After working that the custom of ladies exhibiting never plainer. No more poverty! no a while the man thought he would smoke; their bus s in all the beauty of nature more toiling l" Many thousands of dollars they held in their hands.

They could not speak at first. after a while, when they poured forth lost.

"Your home is mine! you and yours are mine! All I have is for you! You won it six years ago, both of you. And that day, you had another friend with you. I knew him by name before; I learned his nature then. I heard his remark when I was going out. Ha! ha ! He lost something then, didn't he?

Florence and William thought the old man was very shrewd to have read the hearts of all, that Christmas-day. But he meant not what they thought. They know it in after years.

"Go, make our children happy!" urged. "And, my good child, take this," handing her more money, "and make the poor old folks you meet, and the little chrildren who are looking longingly in at the gay windows, make them happy too."

Oh, what a joyous Christmas it was ! For five years the old man dwelt with them, and then he sank calmly to sleep, you see?" loving hearts and gentle hands soothing

And then, from a lawyer of high standing, came the startling information "I wonder what has become of that that William Hartley and Florence were the proper authorities, and have him car old man? said William, during the the only heirs to all the Immense wealth day, "I called a few days after I took of uld Mark Grainger. Then too, it "But; mamma, we are the proper ones him home, to inquire how he was get- was, they knew that Carl's heartlessness to attend him. Eugene and his com- ting on, but he had gone from that and rude, unkind speech had wrecked all his prospects of ever possessing his "Do you know, William to that old uncle's wealth. He knew it too, when man's sufferings you are intebted for the news reached him. In the will feeble voice, and Florence's car was bent your wife? That day I saw, the differ- there was but one request: "Make the ence between you and Carl Granger. old folks and the chrildren happy," it His heartlessness frightened me, and I was. They follow bidding. Every tearing up a pland in each room, destroy. lard, the yolk of an egg, a large table- him to the barn, hanged him. He was you must wait a little longer, and I will fled to you, and grew calm and happy," Christmas-day finds them doing the ing their oc. spoonful of clear honey; mix with the discovered by his wife in time to eare

The following appears among the "Personals' of the N. Y. Herald : I dream ed of you the other night, my friend. You stood before me, and as I approach. ed to speak, gazing into your dear, bright face, a hidious creature rose between us in a black cloud, shutting you out from view. Her picture is burned into my momory. She was a fat, squatty damsel, about four feet high, with bue great, squinting green eye, with a red odge, like a Lima been cut in malachite color of the setting sun or rising moon, young beets down her downy neck. Her nose was like a dab of soft puddy thrown against a door, and her mouth resemover-tightness, or a weather crack in a stood along zigzag in that mouth at intervals like a line of aniiquo fence posts. Her cheeks owing to early misfortunes in the small pox line; looked like twin buokwheat cakes it their first griddle agony, or two rolls of honeycomb tripe, above is assumed by a body of determin-With ears straining every nerve to leave ed Yendeau Frenchwomen who, through their parent head, and a complexion one of their number, address an appeal like a New Jersey road in a dry time, to the Ming of Prussia, which the Havre or a pile of pale pricks or a Boston journals publish in large type in their squash ; waist fully five feet round, and a form taller when she lies down than pect of this lovely beint; as, fixing that armico are beaten down. fearful eye upon me, and with a counteneral would have occurred the second They thus c nelade : day afterward. She vanished behind a confide in you; let us ever be friends."

> BROWN GLOVES. A Close Shave.

transactions in the way of close bargaining and shaving, but we don't remember to have met anything closer or smaller

Patan Judkins was a Justice in Western district-a grasping, The father's amusement was soon close-fisted, flinty-hearted man, who had "Christmas gift for mamma, and papa Upon removing his coat preparatory to to conceal a queen's gray hair, and large no efficacions means are adopted to check It was only a little roll of paper. Ope- out upon the ground, and old Judking, learn, however, from a Belgian paper, but upon looking for his pipe it was not has a far more romantic origin. In a to be found. Judkins came out while battle in which the French were engage

> "I've lost my pipe," said the man. "Is this it?" asked Judkins, holding

up the pipe. The man said it was, and reached out his hand to take it.

"Hold!" said Judkins. "It is a small thing, I knew; but since I am a Just courage they turned, renewed the comtice, we may as well proceed legally. In but and were victorious. From that order to make a proper avowal of ownership you must be sworn. Hold up

The man held up his hand and Judkins administered the oath after which the laborer still persisting in his owner ship, the pipe was surrendered.

low had been engaged was done, he came | rant people have taken for impropriety. for his pay. He had worked half a day, and wanted fifty cents.

"All right," said Judkins. "You owe me half a dollar, so we are just square." I-I-owe you, 'Squire?' "Yes. The law allows me half a dol

phomores of Harvard University are pieces. Science is a big thing. charges with placing a keg of powder. at quarter before ten o'clock on Monday evening, in one of the dormitories of for the somewhat painful and decidedly Harvard College. The powder was put annoying experience of chapped hands. in the cellar, udder rooms accupied by A friend who has tried it fully, and seen temper and flogged one of his sons

dupants foreibly against the ceiling."

SINGULAR ACCIDENT -A COLLESPON dent of the Somerset (Pa.) Democrat says one of the most singular accidents ever heard of recently occurred near Ursina, on the line of the Cumberland and Pittsburg Railrond. A man named Thomas Flanagan, a foreman on the works, took his pipe from his packitt in which was a small pistol cartridge, which, highest gained possession of her. it is supposed, got tuto the pipe, and second in personal charms followed Mr. Flanigan, not noticing it, filled the and so on, so that the bidders in pipe with tobacco and commenced puffing away. After smoking for some time the fire reached the carridge, which and set in coral. Her hair was the exhipded and took an upward course, striking the unfortunate man in the tomand flewed like a bunch of radishes or ple over the right eye, cutting an ugly When ril the comely ones are sold, the and tobacco from the pipe. A number of persons where in the hous at the time, bled a hole in a kid glove bursting from and all thought the apport was occasion ed by a shot fired from the outside. Mrs. white oak log, or a ragged edged break Tissue (a lady in the house) fainted, in a little boy's trousers. Her teeth and it was sometime until the real cause of the accident was discovered. Dr Harry was called, and attended the wounded man, and he is doing well.

THE LEGIONS FOF JUEFTA The leading collines. They implore King William to hold from stricken France; when she stands up. Such was the as- now that Napolion, his empire agd his

They frivoke all gentle influences and nance ashen with fury and jealousy, she ampressions to this end and denounce shrieked out, to my intense relief, "I him to the vengeance of heaven should hate you !" Had she loved me my fu- he turn a deatf cur to their supplications.

"But should you, hardening your rosate cloud, which, slowly fading away heart in pride and hatred, continue the ato a silvery mist, revealed your own work of the eqecutioner, then, from pebeautiful self, my friend. Taking my ing a suppliant as I am to-day, to arrest hand between your own, you uttered you on the verge of the abyss that opens these memorable and golden words, "I before you, and prevent your name becoming a by-word of execution, I shall rise up to-morrow to fight against von Yes, sire, I shall be one of the band of says : "A St. Patrick is evident women ne'r forming under the name of the 'Legions of Judith.' And we pray that the spirits of Judith, of Jael, of less than 11,416 persons in the Bengal We have heard of a great many mean that the spirits of Judith, of Jael, of give us the victory."

But he was searching, and asked what he had ed (all dates, we may mention are in reservo,) their ranks were broken, and they were routed. When they retreated their women bared their breasts and entreated them to pierce them rather than permit them to fall into the hands of the enemy. This was two much for the gallant Gauls. Nerved with fresh hour Frence women have on Testal occasions always been accustomed to wear their dresses low. In fact, when see one one who appears to have forgotthe upper part of her dress, it is no proof of indellieusy, but simply an indecation of the power of notional sentiment. This Whan the job for which the poor fel. satisfactorily explains what many ikno-

We heard of a boy the other day, who accidentally swallowed a silver half doflar. They gave him warm water and by a six shooter in the hards of the foretartar emetic, and antimonial wine, and man. He told the Juda, though, it lar for administering the oath! Don't poked their fingers down his throat, un- was the last time he would sit on a jury til the boy thought he would throw up outside of a monitor. The poor man saw to his sorrow; for his toe nails. After a while a doctor upon that basis Judkins forced the set- came along, who understood these caset. He gave the boy a small dose of patent either one of twenty seven States and medicine, and in less than ten minutes Territories, and more than Arizona, THE BOY OF THE PERIOD .- The So. he threw up the half dollar in five cent Colorado, Daketa, Biorida, Washington,

We live and learn.

CHAPPED HANDS .- This is the season facst part of catmeal flour.

before the Christisis syn, to the every year, on a certain pla trict assembled all its virgini of angerble age. The most beautifuput up first, and the man who pa gratify themselves with a knaded according to the strongth of their There may yet remein in babylon, ac for whom money was offered, but the provident Babylouians managed that gash and filling his eyes with the ashes crier orders the most deformed che stand up and after demanding who to marry her for a mall sum, she is a judged to him who is satisfied, with the least; and in this manner the money raised from the sale of the handsome serve as a portion to those who are either disagreeable looks, or that have any other imperfection, was to maidride to make

A Louisiana darkey, somewhat ad vanced in years, was accested a few day ince by a former employer with the ques tion as to how he was getting along Welk siv, "said the old darkes with quit work now and am studyin for the

ministry, 'id commods of Lagues pW work his antecedant of former times had under his arm, was handed, with great show of importance, an old copy of one of Webster's elementary spelling how which the old darker declared that the colored preacher up at the schoolh had told him contained all, the day dat was worf picking up afore gwine in de pulpit."

"Arter you gits deve," continued the would be divine; "you'se got to pound away on de Dible, and sarch de Scriptures Madireab al - Makon sol

ELEVEN THOUSAND PERSONS KYLL ED BY SNAKES -An English pape Josl of Are, of Charlotte Corday, and all the illustrious women selected by bite. The return giving us information Heaven to punish the haughty, may has been carefully complied; all the merely sick and wounded have been omitted, as well s those sudden deaths which in India are often. ions owe their origin to an attempt to snake bits by heirs to property unduly grown old and gray in money making. to give prominence to the strong point oager for their inheritance. It is a surand do some work about his house. queen. Thus powder came into vogue man Ho goes on year by year and that

> California, looking back over 1870, rejoices that it has seen during the year the shipment of the first bale of homeraised silk; the raising of too first successful crop of cotton, and the first success in the manufacture of beef sugar

A few years ago, Detriot was worried bout the lizards that flowed through the city water pipes, but Brooklyn has improved on that by extracting 186 leglate from one to two feet long, from the pines the past summer.

A paper in Penusylvania, which one day recently noticed the opening of a new whiskey store, next day apologized for the brevity of its local columns, Do cause "the reporter was ill." He had

assisted at the opening gridouls at adjunct. Frugality may be termed the daughter ... of prudence, the sister of temperance and the parent of liberty, He that is extravagant and will quickly become poor, and poverty will enforce dependence and invite corruption. " of

A San Francisco juryman was argued

into an agreement with the other eleven; Alexander T. Stewart, of New York, last year paid in income tax more than New Mexico, Utah, Idaho and Montana combitted. Mr. W. B. Astor paid more than the whole State of Vermont.

John Sullivan, of Canaun, N. II came home a few nights since in be members of the freshman class. The it tried on others, says the following re-result was the destructson of almost everything in two of the range, the shock ditsen of the skin affected: I b fresh father, bound and gagged him, taking ha life. THE PARTY OF THE PERSON OF THE